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CORRUPTION IN CONSUMER COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a concerted move to eradicate the rampant corruption prevailing amongst the public servants and employees in the consumer cooperative societies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of public servants and employees/officers identified and enquiry proceeded against guilty during each of the last three years giving the present status of those cases;

(c) whether a public servant or a private citizen of his own or by taking the help of elected representatives expose the deeds of public servants and authorities of consumer co-operative societies which are corrupt in nature and detrimental to the public interest;

(d) if so, the safeguards available to such persons;

(e) whether there have been cases where such persons who dare exposing the corrupt are themselves harassed and victimised; and

(f) the measures taken by the Government to protect such persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a) to (f): Whenever any complaint of corruption is received against employees of such societies necessary investigation is carried out and action taken against the defaulting officials as per the provisions of the Cooperative Societies Acts and Rules framedthereunder. The Consumer Cooperative Societies in Delhi come within the domain andjurisdiction of Government of NCT of Delhi.That Government has denied the prevalence of rampant corruption in these Consumer Cooperative Societies.Anti-corruption cases in respect of two officials, one each in 1997 and 1998 of the Consumer Cooperative Societiesin Delhi have been processed for prosecution. In the Cooperative store (the Super Bazar) Delhi there is a CBI investigation against 7 employees and 21 employees are facing departmental disciplinary proceedings.

There are public grievance cells in the departments. Any private citizen can make complaints which are looked into and enquired through the Vigilance Cells. The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported no instance of any harrasment or victimisationof any complainant.